

LID LIFTED TODAY IN HIGH SCHOOLS

Business Meets Technical in First Scholastic Game of Season.

FIRST REAL FIGHT FOR MANY MOONS

Five Contenders Have Look-in for Pennant—Interest Already Runs High.

Rickety, Rickety, Kai-yai
Rah! Rah! Rah!
Woe-ah, woe-ah, wiah, wai
Woe-ah, Business!

The blast of the referee's whistle at American League Park today will mark the opening of what promises to be the warmest and most closely contested battle for high school gridiron honors for many moons.

When the Business clan huddles in a cozy corner of the leftfield pavilion, facing the loyal contingent from Tech, who have chosen the opposite stand for their rendezvous, the Stenographers, for the first time in the history of the high schools, can cheer their braves with the confident expectation that their team is a real contender for the pennant.

A Unique Struggle.

To sum up, while the football series is the stellar event in point of attendance and enthusiasm in the scholastic year, interest being even greater than in the baseball battles in the spring, the struggle which opens today for the 1908 football championship promises to eclipse anything that has gone before.

Why, because for the first time, and this is about the third time mentioned, in the annals of the high school gridiron the outcome does not lie between two, or even three schools, but each and every one of them, as the barkers say, is in the running for championship laurels.

Then again in former years it took until the middle of the season for enthusiasm to reach a state of encouraging warmth, since everyone knew who was about to win the pennant and athletic authorities, with an approval regard to climax, would shift the crucial battle over to the tail end of the schedule.

Schedule by "System."
Times have changed. The dates are now made out according to a peculiar and intricate "system," a "system" 'tis true, no one could fathom out but still the "system" is there and the deciding battle is just as likely to be fought out on the first day as the last.

Interest is already at white heat over the skirmish this afternoon. It will be the first chance to set a line on that elusive Technical appreciation, which pulled down not only the high school but the District title last season, but which has been sadly riddled by the departure of such veterans as Thrall, Brewster, and Hart. The squad this season is undeniably light, but is said to be fast and to have at their command a repertoire of tactics equal to those by which they wrested the blue ribbon from the still heavier eleven of the Georgetown Preps last season.

Business Wakes Up.
The mere inauguration of an elongated course up at Business is already having a most deleterious effect on athletics, though its real effects have not yet been felt. The squad was late in getting down to practice this season through the belated election of a manager, but has already rounded out into an eleven which the stenographers hope may have a look in for the first pennant of any kind the school has yet to win. Even should they be de-

PLAYERS BARRED; NOW STALK DOWN CLUB'S MANAGER

Determined Effort Will Be Made Before National Commission at Annual Meeting to Oust Joe Cantillon, Runs Rumor.

CHARGED WITH "LAYING DOWN" TO TIGERS

Say Nationals Sought Revenge for Barring of Jim Delehanty.

NEW YORK, Oct. 20.—Joe Cantillon, manager of the Washington team of the American League, according to a report from Chicago, may be ousted from the management of the Capital City's team at the coming meeting of the American League if President Ban Johnson, backed by several club owners, can bring it about.

The charge has been made that during the closing games of the season some of the members of the Washington team, while they fought desperately to beat Cleveland and St. Louis, did not display any great anxiety to beat the Tigers in their final series in Detroit. Cantillon is said to have virtually admitted this. His players deny the intimation that they laid down to the Tigers.

The reason given for the alleged action of the Washington players is the barring of Jim Delehanty from the Cleveland grounds for one year, beginning last August. Delehanty was charged with using abusive language to Umpire O'Loughlin in the hearing of the National Commission. Delehanty's home, and Johnson's action was bitterly resented by the entire Washington team.

The Washington club virtually beat Cleveland out of the pennant by taking four out of the five last games played with the Naps.

GEORGETOWN FIVE SUSTAINS A BLOW

Loss of Cogan and McQuail Will Handicap Basketball Squad.

Georgetown's basketball team lost a promising candidate yesterday when William Cogan, one of the leading men out for a forward position, broke his ankle while indulging in football play on the college campus.

Cogan was a member of the fast Georgetown Prep quint of 1907 and 1908, and apparently had an excellent chance of making the varsity this season. The basketball team would have been benefited by Cogan's services also, as it was thought he would fit in nicely at one of the infield positions, his three years' experience on the Prep nine qualifying him for a thorough tryout.

Captain McQuail, of the Georgetown Preps, is also on the down-and-out squad at Georgetown now. The beefy Prep leader was more seriously injured in the Episcopal High game than was thought at first. It is not likely that McQuail will get in the game this season, as the ligaments around his ankle are badly torn and his knee slightly wrenched. This loss is a severe blow to the Preps as there remains but one man of last year's squad, Gaynor, the diminutive quarterback.

feated by Technical this afternoon the Ninth Streeters would still have a fighting chance since it is hardly possible for Technical to repeat, and win up the season with a straight string of victories.

Jack Cass, who has refereed high school games for the past few seasons, will handle the indicator today.
J. R. HILDEBRAND.

Blacklist Hovers Over Players Suspended—Means Permanent Ban.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Oct. 20.—For playing with teams against the Logan Squares Independent club, in Chicago, eighteen or more national agreement ball players are in imminent danger of being permanently barred from baseball, according to an announcement made by the National Baseball Commission.

The commission calls attention to the rule prohibiting any national agreement players from at any time participating in games with clubs harboring ineligible players, for which a fine of \$200 is provided for the first offense. It is directed that "every national agreement player who has violated this rule be placed on the ineligible list, with the right reserved to each of such players to be heard before the fine is inflicted, in accordance with the provisions of rule 47."

Under this ruling the Washington American League Club is directed not to enter into any contracts with any of its players for the season of 1909 who participated in these games, until such players have again been placed on the eligible list, the following being the players: Tannehill, Freeman, Delehanty, McBride, Shipke, Kahoe, Keeley, Johnson, and O'Neill, who, however, belongs to Minneapolis.

GEORGETOWN AWAITS TARHEELS' COMING

West End Squad Primed to Give North Carolina Hard Rub.

Georgetown began preparations for North Carolina yesterday by going through the hardest practice of the season. Coach Newman put the men through forty-five minutes of signal practice and then sent the first and second teams into a lively scrimmage.

As far as physical condition is concerned, Georgetown is in good shape, and will be prepared to give the Tar Heels a hard fight. Not one man on the squad is on the injured list, a condition that has not existed heretofore this season.

The North Carolina game will be the first big contest of the present college gridiron season, and will bring together two of the most intense rivals in the South. Last year North Carolina defeated the Blue and Grey, while in 1907 Georgetown nosed out the Southerners through Boeck's drop kick. Every game played between the two universities has been fiercely fought, and indications Saturday's contest should be no exception to the rule.

North Carolina has five of last year's men around which to build a team and reports indicate the 1908 eleven is one to be seriously reckoned with in the fight for the Southern championship. Charlie Green, the former Pennsylvania star, is coaching North Carolina this season and has introduced the Pennsylvania style of play in his work with the eleven. A large delegation of rooters will make the trip to Washington to help the team along by their characteristic Carolina rooting.

JOHNSON AT LAST SHOWS HIS HAND

Fires Telling Shot in Threat to Depose Manager Cantillon.

CHARGES FOUNDED ON AN INTERVIEW

"Attempt to Oust Leader on Such Slim Grounds Ridiculous," Says President Noyes.

One, two, maybe three—but we are not out yet.

Those fans who realize that ever since Joe Cantillon assumed the reins of Washington's long-suffering club he has not been in favor with the mighty moguls of the home office for reasons that are ancient history, have been waiting for an outbreak.

It has come.

Round 1—Ban Johnson put across an unexpected blow by barring all Nationals endeavoring to earn a little ready cash to pay for the winter coat by playing Chicago free lances not invited by organized baseball.

Round 2—Nationals recover, prance into the ring, and merrily slap Johnson on the wrist by playing again, this time against the Logan Squares, led by one Jimmy Callahan, one of the most turbulent spirits among Big Ban's recognize enemies. The move proved a bad tactical error.

Round 3—Determined to finish the battle once and for all, the heavyweight unceremoniously threw the gloves, threatening to oust the Nationals' leader, after having done his worst, or best, to annihilate the team.

No decision.

Even the most ardent rooter for the Nationals, although knowing the real reason for this outbreak of "con" conduct, can hardly fail to applaud them for giving the powers that be such an excellent opportunity of making a glaring example of the club under cover of baseball law.

Shows Law Judgment.

It was law judgment in the first place which induced the Nationals to take part in those Chicago exhibition games. The first offense may have been the result of thoughtfulness, but the example of a handful of crusaders, girded alone by a sense of personal injury, taking up the gauntlet against the National commission and the American League officials is funny and touching.

The opening made for the attack on Cantillon is hardly less excusable and Washington fans have, in a degree, themselves to blame. It must be remembered that ball players are human. That the Nationals were actuated by a feeling of revenge in playing their hard-fought game against Delehanty is so obvious that it is useless to deny the charge. But that Cantillon should deliberately set to work to instruct his henchmen to "lay down" to Chicago, St. Louis, and Detroit is as foolish as it would be out of the question.

Not considering the integrity of any one of the persons involved, it would, from a plain business standpoint, be suicidal for a manager to endeavor to corrupt a ball team. Every "sore head" from that time forth would have hold of the hair by which hung an ax over his leader's head, and any attempt at discipline would be met with an impregnable barrier. All that has been explained before, but it takes times for it to soak in.

Basis for Charges.

The one tangible thread on which the accusers of the Washington manager can hang their hopes is an alleged interview with a player which the writer goes on to say was indorsed by Cantillon, in which it is frankly stated that players did not put forth their best efforts against any Western team, save the Naps alone. It is this interview

WANT HIS SCALP



JOE CANTILLON.

which Johnson will probably bring to the attention of the American League meeting in New York in December.

The alleged interview as printed in a Washington paper follows:

"In Cleveland, of course, we had to square things for the way the papers got after us, and especially Delehanty, but there was no reason for us to play our heads off against Chicago, St. Louis or Detroit. There are many good fellows on those teams and each had a chance to cop something like \$2,500. Put yourself in our place. Would you knock a friend out of that amount of money if you had nothing at stake in doing the trick? It is a hard proposition, any way you look at it. Of course, we would like to have our team higher in the race, but suppose we should be up in front next season, fighting for the honors, it wouldn't be nice to have the men we threw down this season then come back at us."

"When we reached Detroit from Cleveland the Tigers were pretty well scared, and as soon as we arrived at the grounds one of the men came up to me and said: 'You are not going after us, are you? Every man of us believe we can beat the Cubs if we get a chance, and you won't rob us of the chance. Be a good fellow.'"

"Cantillon knew the situation, and for that reason worked Johnson and I, and I didn't want to fine them, as he knew these kids had no friends on either of the teams."

"Manager Cantillon practically indorsed everything the player had said when seen later."

"I knew what they were doing," said Joe; "but it was so late in the season that I didn't want to fine them, and had to take my medicine; but I wanted to use a club. The Boston and Athletics were doing the same, and the Western teams never lost a chance to tell us of the fact. It is one of the bad features of the championship race, and demonstrates the fact that the winning teams have got to fight for all they get all the time."

Interview Ill-Advised.

"This interview," declared President Tom Noyes, of the Washington club, this morning, "is perhaps ill-advised, but certainly could not be placed before the assembled managers of the American League as proof positive that Manager Cantillon was guilty for an offense for which, if proven, he should be declared ineligible to manage the club."

"Of course, it is nonsense to bring a charge like that against the American League has a manager been ousted on such grounds, and it will take more than the word of a single man or one ambiguous interview to elicit a majority vote of the league managers against the player's colleague."

"What I most want to say is that the charges are ridiculous, and that even if they had a prop to stand on they would have to be proven conclusively before we would be in very much danger."

J. R. HILDEBRAND.

START OUT STRONG FOR TIMES MEDALS

Fat Men Defeat Saengers in Opening Skirmish of District League.

WINNERS CAPTURE THREE IN A ROW

St. John Outfit Takes Two Out of Three With Sixth in Church Series.

By running away with the opening game in the District League last evening, the Fat Men made good their threat to make a strong bid for The Washington Times medals.

All hopes of the Saengers of taking the first game of the season were undeniably squelched by the excellent rolling of the Fat Men quint. All three games went to the winners, the second being the classiest of the lot, the Saenger men showing a flash of form in that session that gravely threatened the lead of their victors.

Bureau's aggregation had very little trouble annexing their trio of games with War, taking all by good margins. The Church League had sixth and St. John on card for last night, the St. John outfit winning by taking the first and third sets.

Kimmer and Bierer were on the job last night, being in a great measure responsible for the defeat of Sixth.

H. Litchfield was the only man of the Sixth outfit who rolled above the 150 mark. His total was 154.

Poole was high man in the Railway last night, getting 24.

None of the games last night are up to the average. Guess we'll have to get some class from somewhere.

Harry Krause is rolling with his old persistence, his score 22 last night being excellent for the opening.

District seems to have a little margin on the Departmental this season.

PLANS ERECTION OF NEW GARAGE

A new garage is now in the course of erection on New Hampshire avenue, near Twenty-second street, that promises to equal anything of the kind in this section of the country.

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